

Please maintain a diversity in ownership of broadcast and print media. This age of mergers and consolidation of media - especially news media - is crippling public debate, and has given over the ability to frame public issues to an increasingly smaller segment of our citizenry. An argument for economic efficiency in the business of media carries no weight; as more and more Americans participate in the political process through media-imparted information and media-sponsored forums, broadcast and print media are ceding their independence as businesses. They have become the town meetinghall, and, (ironically) their success at this has given them a responsibility to maintain an impossible transparency - no medium of human expression can escape bias. Our only refuge as a country lies in maintaining a wide spectrum of individuals controlling those media, and you at the FCC are the people in charge of defending this diversity. Thank you for